

Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box



Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031
U. S. Patent and Trademark Office: U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

| | | | | | |
|--|---|----|---|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Substitute for form 1449A/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (use as many sheets as necessary) | | | | Complete if Known | |
| | | | | Application Number | Not Yet Assigned |
| | | | | Filing Date | December 10, 2001 |
| | | | | First Named Inventor | Shane J. Trapp |
| | | | | Group Art Unit | 2823 |
| | | | | Examiner Name | T. Pham |
| Sheet | 1 | of | 1 | Attorney Docket Number | M4065.0369/P369-A |

PTO
 10/006704
 12/10/01

| U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Examiner Initials* | Cite No. ¹ | U.S. Patent Document | | Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document | Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY | Class/Subclass Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear |
| | | Number | Kind Code ² (if known) | | | |
| PTO-BA | | 5,989,987 | | Kuo* | 11-23-1999 | 438/592 |

| FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|----------------|
| Examiner Initials* | Cite No. ¹ | Foreign Patent Document | | | Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document | Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY | Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear | T ⁶ |
| | | Office ³ | Number ⁴ | Kind Code ⁵ (if known) | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |

| | | | |
|-----------------------|--|--------------------|--|
| Examiner Signature | | Date Considered | |
|-----------------------|--|--------------------|--|

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the application number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

| OTHER PRIOR ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS | | | |
|---|--------------------------|--|----------------|
| Examiner Initials | Cite No. ¹ | Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published. | T ² |
| | | | |

| | | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Examiner Signature | Lynette T. Ung-Evans | Date Considered | 1/22/2003 |
|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-----------|

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached